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CONFINEMENTS -- USE NEWER MMP AND CONSTRUCTION FORMS BY SEPTEMBER 1

The DNR is asking producers with confinement feeding operations to use three DNR forms that were updated in the spring of 2006, instead of their older versions. The forms are frequently updated and improved. Using the latest version ensures the most accurate information and avoids having to resubmit the forms.

The DNR will no longer be accepting the following outdated forms after Sept 1.

MMP Updated to include the P Index, Rev. 3/06 (542-4000) Construction Permit Application Rev. 4/06 (542-1428) Construction Design Statement Rev. 4/06 (542-8068)

Producers who use outdated forms will be asked to resubmit the information on the newer version. This could delay their construction projects or manure application.

More information can be found in ecoNews.

For more information on manure management plans or non-permitted sites, contact Cindy Martens at (712) 262-4177. For permitted sites, contact Sara Smith (515) 242-5521.

CONFINEMENTS -- SEND IN SOIL SAMPLE RESULTS SOON

Confinement producers who are already using the phosphorus (P) index for their manure management plans (MMPs) but used soil samples that did not meet minimum requirements need to send in the current soil test results soon.

The producer must re-sample each field within one year and send in results to the DNR with their revised MMP when the annual update is due. Resampling is required if an original manure management plan was submitted to the DNR and it was developed using soil samples that do not meet DNR minimum requirements.

More information can be found in ecoNews.

The MMP form (542-4000) is available as a Word or Excel document at http://www.iowadnr.com/afo/forms.html. Producers should use a version of the form updated to include the P Index.

A fact sheet on MMPs and the Phosphorus Index is available on the DNR Web site at http://www.iowadnr.com/afo/files/pindex_fs.pdf.

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS, TEST SOILS THIS FALL FOR THE P INDEX

About 1400 confinement site producers who aren't using the phosphorus or P index to develop their required manure management plans (MMP) should plan now and soil sample this fall to incorporate the P index into their MMPs.

Crop producers who accept manure from confinements that need manure management plans may also want to talk to their manure provider about how the P index could affect manure application on their land and if they need to have soil samples taken.

Producers can use soil samples taken in the last four years to run the P index, if they meet the minimum requirements.

The DNR will not be granting exemptions or extensions of the deadlines for the P index-based plans. See the DNR Web site for a timeline or more information about the P index: http://www.iowadnr.com/afo/mmp.html#phosphorus or http://www.iowadnr.com/afo/files/pindex fs.pdf.

More information can be found in ecoNews.

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Check the Iowa State University soil fertility Web site for information about soil sampling at extension.agron.iastate.edu/soilfertility/. Finally, more information about the P index can be found in current and back issues of Odor and Nutrient Management at the Iowa Manure Management Action Group's Web site at http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/immag/pubsnl.html.